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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1250**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Florez**

February 23, 2001

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An act to add Section 2429.6 to the Vehicle Code, relating to the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1250, as amended, Florez. Safety and Farm Labor Vehicle Education Program.

Existing law requires the Department of the California Highway Patrol, among other things, to adopt regulations designed to promote the safe operation of farm labor vehicles, as described, and, in cooperation with county and local farm bureaus, to provide a program to educate growers, farmers, and farm labor vehicle owners and drivers regarding farm labor vehicle certification requirements, including certification requirements for farm labor vehicle drivers.

This bill would require the department to implement a *statewide* Safety and Farm Labor Vehicle Education Program ~~in~~. *The emphasis of the program would be permitted to be concentrated in, but not limited to the South Sacramento Valley, the Salinas Valley, the Central Valley, and the Imperial Valley.* ~~The bill would require the department to assign~~

~~not less than 5 members of the California Highway Patrol in each of those regions. The bill would require the department to assign the appropriate number of members of the California Highway Patrol, as determined by the commissioner, to implement the program. The bill would require the program to emphasize the education and enforcement of laws governing the safe operation of farm labor vehicles with particular emphasis on enforcing the laws governing the safe transportation of farmworkers, as described, and to ensure the enforcement of the existing law governing seatbelt assemblies and usage on farm labor vehicles by undertaking measures that maximize compliance with that law.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 2429.6 is added to the Vehicle Code, to  
 2 read:  
 3 2429.6. The department shall implement a *statewide* Safety  
 4 and Farm Labor Vehicle Education Program ~~in the following four.~~  
 5 *The emphasis of the program may be concentrated in, but not*  
 6 *limited to, the following regions: the South Sacramento Valley, the*  
 7 *Salinas Valley, the Central Valley, and the Imperial Valley. In each*  
 8 ~~of those regions, the department shall assign not less than five~~  
 9 ~~members of the California Highway Patrol. The department shall~~  
 10 *assign the appropriate number of members of the California*  
 11 *Highway Patrol, as determined by the commissioner, to implement*  
 12 *the program. The emphasis of the program shall be the education*  
 13 *and enforcement of laws governing the safe operation of farm*  
 14 *labor vehicles with particular emphasis on enforcing the laws*  
 15 *governing the safe transportation of farmworkers, as described in*  
 16 *subdivision (b) of Section 322. In implementing the program, the*  
 17 *department shall ensure the enforcement of Section 31405 by*  
 18 *undertaking measures that maximize compliance with Section*  
 19 *31405.*